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SECSTATE FOR S/PRS AND EUR/CE; DEPARTMENT PASS NSC FOR  
MR. SCOWCROFT AND WHITE HOUSE FOR MR. NESSEN; USIA FOR  
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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY)

SUBJECT: KISSINGER-SCHMIDT REMARKS AT THE CHANCELLERY,  
MAY 23, 1976

REF: STATE 093420; USIA 15134

1. SCHMIDT. (TRANSLATION FROM GERMAN). QUOTE: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. KISSINGER AND THE GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. GENSCHER, HAVE HAD SEVERAL HOURS OF DISCUSSIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND HAVE DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS IN DETAIL. DURING THE PAST ONE AND A HALF HOURS, THE THREE OF US HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS IN ORDER TO MAKE A RESUME. WE HAVE FOUND OURSELVES IN FULL AGREEMENT IN THE ASSESSMENT OF THE STATE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, ESPECIALLY FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN OSLO, IN THE CONVICTION THAT THIS ALLIANCE WILL FULLY MEET ITS TASK TODAY AND TOMORROW AS BEFORE. WE EXCHANGED OPINIONS ON THE ECONOMIC UPSWING IN OUR COUNTRIES. WE ARE VERY SATISFIED THAT WHAT WE LAUNCHED LAST FALL IN RAMBOUILLET, JOINTLY WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS, HAS HAD SUCH EXTREMELY POSITIVE EFFECTS IN AMERICA, IN GERMANY, BUT ALSO IN FRANCE AND OTHER COUNTRIES. AS A THIRD ITEM, WE HAVE OF COURSE SPENT PART OF OUR TIME (DISCUSSING) QUESTIONS PRESENTLY PENDING IN NAIROBI AND LATER AGAIN IN PARIS, ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS OF FINANCIAL POLICY, ON RAW MATERIALS POLICY AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL NATIONS ON THE ONE HAND AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON THE OTHER. AND WE HAVE ALSO ARRIVED AT A VERY SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT OF OUR VIEWS IN THIS SECTOR. UNQUOTE.

2. KISSINGER. (TRANSLATION FROM GERMAN). QUOTE: I WILL SAY A FEW WORDS IN GERMAN AND THEN WILL GIVE MY AMERICAN FRIENDS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REPEAT WHAT THE CHANCELLOR HAS SAID IN ENGLISH. I FULLY CONCUR WITH THE CHANCELLOR THAT OUR VIEWS TODAY AGREED ON ALL THE IMPORTANT PROBLEMS WHICH WERE DISCUSSED; THAT THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE IS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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DECISIVE IMPORTANCE NOT ONLY FOR SECURITY QUESTIONS BUT ALSO FOR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC MATTERS. UNQUOTE.

3. KISSINGER. (IN ENGLISH). QUOTE: I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO THE CHANCELLOR AND TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY CORDIAL RECEPTION WE HAVE RECEIVED HERE AND FOR THE FRIENDSHIP WITH WHICH WE HAVE DISCUSSED ALL SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. WE

AGREED THAT NATO IS IN A STRONG POSITION. THE POLICY  
OF RELAXATION OF TENSION BASED ON THE STRENGTH OF THE  
ALLIED COUNTRIES, EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND ATLANTIC  
SOLIDARITY IS FUNDAMENTAL TO OUR POLICY. THE CLOSE  
COOPERATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES WHICH WAS  
SYMBOLICALLY AND SUBSTANTIALLY EXPRESSED AT RAMBOUILLET  
LAST FALL CONTRIBUTED IMPORTANTLY TO THE ECONOMIC  
RECOVERY THAT HAS SINCE TAKEN PLACE AND WHICH WE MUST  
NOW JOINTLY SUSTAIN. AND IN THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE  
DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NOW TAKING PLACE IN  
NAIROBI AND SOON TO BE CONTINUED IN PARIS. AGAIN, THE  
CLOSE COOPERATION OF OUR COUNTRIES AND OF OTHER INDUS-  
TRIAL COUNTRIES CAN PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN  
HELPING CONSTRUCT A SAFER AND BETTER INTERNATIONAL  
SYSTEM. ON ALL OF THESE SUBJECTS WE HAD MOST

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SATISFACTORY EXCHANGES AND WE LEAVE BONN WITH A FEELING  
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RELATIONS, AS WELL AS ALLIED RELATIONS, ARE IN VERY  
EXCELLENT AND FIRM CONDITION. THANK YOU. UNQUOTE.

4. SCHMIDT. (IN ENGLISH). QUOTE: WILL YOU BE WILLING  
TO ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS OF YOUR COUNTRYMEN OR JOUR-  
NALISTS? UNQUOTE.

5. KISSINGER. (IN ENGLISH). QUOTE: CERTAINLY.  
UNQUOTE.

6. SCHMIDT. (IN GERMAN). QUOTE: ARE THERE QUESTIONS  
TO MR. KISSINGER? UNQUOTE.

7. KISSINGER. (IN GERMAN). QUOTE: OR TO YOU?  
UNQUOTE.

8. QUESTION. (IN ENGLISH). QUOTE: ARE YOU ABLE NOW  
TO FORESEE A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THE  
UNCTAD CONFERENCE? UNQUOTE.

9. KISSINGER. (IN ENGLISH). QUOTE: WELL, WE HAD VERY  
GOOD DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND GERMAN GROUPS.  
AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS MAKING SOME  
DECISIONS TOMORROW AFTERNOON. WE ACHIEVED SUBSTANTIAL  
AGREEMENT ON AT LEAST THE POSITIONS THAT WE THINK CAN  
BE TAKEN. I THINK THERE CAN AND SHOULD BE A SUCCESSFUL  
CONCLUSION OF THE NAIROBI CONFERENCE. UNQUOTE.

10. QUESTION. (IN GERMAN). QUOTE: MR.  
CHANCELLOR, WHAT DIFFERENCE WOULD YOU SEE BETWEEN VERY  
GOOD AGREEMENT AND FULLY SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT (UNIN-

TELLIGIBLE) UNCTAD? UNQUOTE.

11. SCHMIDT. (IN GERMAN). QUOTE: I ENDORSE "VERY GOOD AGREEMENT." UNQUOTE

12. QUESTION. (IN ENGLISH). QUOTE: MR. SECRETARY, DID YOU DISCUSS THE ITALIAN POLITICAL SITUATION? UNQUOTE.

13. KISSINGER. (IN ENGLISH). QUOTE: WE HAVE ALREADY UNCLASSIFIED

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DISCUSSED THE ITALIAN SITUATION PUBLICLY BETWEEN US SO THERE WAS NO NEED TO REPEAT IT. UNQUOTE.

14. SCHMIDT. (IN ENGLISH). QUOTE: BUT WE DID ANTICIPATE YOUR QUESTION, SIR. UNQUOTE.

15. SCHMIDT. (IN GERMAN). QUOTE: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? MANY THANKS. THANK YOU. UNQUOTE.  
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